

Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board Regular Meeting
9:00 a.m., Thursday, March 13, 2013
Online meeting via GoToMeeting and hosted
at the Chelan Fire Station #7, at 232 E Wapato Ave, Chelan, WA 98816

Meeting called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Chairman Tony Stadelman

ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present

Tony Stadelman	Butch Klaveano (phone)	Jenifer Parsons (phone)
Dirk Veleke	Bob Roth (phone)	
Jim DeTro (arrived during meeting)	Jerry Hendrickson (phone)	
Sarah Cooke (phone)	Brad White (phone)	

Others present:

Greg Haubrich, WSDA
 Alison Halpern, WA State Noxious Weed Control Board
 Wendy DesCamp, WA State Noxious Weed Control Board
 Mike Mackey, Chelan County Noxious Weed Control Board
 Anna Lyon, Okanogan County Noxious Weed Control Board
 Janet Nelson, Okanogan County Noxious Weed Control Board
 Sue Winterowd, Stevens County Noxious Weed Control Board
 Marilyn Sielaff,, Adams County Noxious Weed Control Board
 Sue Sackmann, Adams County Noxious Weed Control Board
 Dick Jacobson Yakima County Noxious Weed Control Board
 Jeff Knutson Yakima County Noxious Weed Control Board
 Sonny Gohrman, Snohomish County Noxious Weed Control Board
 Beki Shoemaker, Pierce County Noxious Weed Control Board
 Debbie Ringler, Pierce County Noxious Weed Control Board
 Trish MacClaren, King County Noxious Weed Control Program

Handouts provided at meeting:

- Agenda for meeting
- Draft minutes for January regular meeting
- Draft minute for February special meeting
- Office reports for February and March (partial)
- January budget summary and detailed worksheets

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

VOTE	Sarah Cooke	Moved to approve minutes for the January 2013 board meeting
	Jerry Hendrickson	Seconded the motion
	The Board	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

:VOTE	Sarah Cooke	Moved to approve minutes for the special February 2013 board meeting
	Jerry Hendrickson	Seconded the motion
	The Board	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES:

Butch mentioned that he was in the middle of spring work on the ranch, fertilizing fields, etc. Brad noted that Director Newhouse was reviewing the process by which WSDA served on boards and commissions and had not formally appointed anyone to the State Weed Board.

OFFICE REPORTS:

The Board reviewed office reports for February and the first half of March.

Alison:

- has continued to track introduced bills through the first cut-off day (February 22)
- gave a training to new board members for Snohomish County Noxious Weed Control Board and appreciated Sarah being there.
- has been communicating a lot with counties, with regard to the weed listing process and county weed board membership eligibility.
- is adjusting to many changes within the department and within the agency.
- has started writing up Class A eradication project contracts.

Wendy:

- has been giving many presentations to various groups, including foresters and land managers in Olympia, The South Sound Chapter of the Native Plant Society, and the WSU IPM workshop.
- worked at the NW Flower and Garden Show. She thanked the county weed boards who helped out and noted that there were over 1,700 visitors to the booth
- worked on edits to western WA GardenWise and made arrangements for the printing, along with invoicing partnering county weed boards.
- has been working with website developer on layout updates.
- updated county directory and funding/salary information.
- made arrangements to get our unused herbarium cabinet moved to the UW-CUH Herbarium, where it will be used to house our noxious weed specimens. Wendy thanked Chad Phillips and his team for moving the heavy cabinet.

The Board discussed:

- Commissioner DeTro will contact Douglas County commissioners to arrange a meeting to discuss the benefits of having a county noxious weed control board.

WSDA UPDATE:

Greg Haubrich provided the update.

- Dr. Jim Marra has filled in as acting Pest Program Manager since Brad is now acting Assistant Director now that Mary is no longer with WSDA.
- The RFP for knotweed control projects has been distributed; the deadline is March 29 to submit proposals.
- The RFP for Forest Health & Protection (FHP) grants has also been distributed. The total amount available has been reduced from \$125K to just \$25K. Next year, there will probably only be \$10K available.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

Alison noted that so far, there were no bills that were causing any alarm.

- HB 1681 that addressed criminal trespassing would have been crippling to the noxious weed laws and to many state and county programs, but the bill didn't go anywhere.
- PSSB 1558 was introduced to address relief for beekeepers and colony collapse. After the initial public hearing, the beekeepers and WSDA were asked to present ideas to help the beekeepers. WSDA came up with a white paper, which included the creation of a working group. The beekeepers groups had submitted lists of suggestions, one of which was apparently to remove many noxious weeds that they consider forage species for bees. This caused a great deal of concern to many resource managers, but Alison said it was unlikely to be included in any upcoming versions of the bill. The current substitute bill created the working group as WSDA suggested.
- PSSB 5054 addressed the purchase of land by state agencies for habitat or recreational use and, if passed, would require them to go through a process where they seek permission and demonstrate to OFM that there is a management plan and budget. It looks like the bill will make it out of the senate.
- Other bills, including one requiring ethics training for all state employees, and one amending public meetings act, did not go out of committees.
- PSSB 5072, the aquatics invasive species bill passed out of rules committee. It removes the requirement to submit an annual Aquatic Nuisance Species annual report and makes amendments to WDFW out-of-state boat inspection process.
- There have been many bills addressing wolf management and livestock protection. Commissioner DeTro noted the statuses of SB 5187 and 5188 and HB 1623.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Alison provided the update. There wasn't too much to report, as the budget is pretty much on track.

- Alison had merged Goods and Services expenditures from the general weed board account and the education account to help project end-of-fiscal amounts.
- There hasn't been much activity regarding the next biennial budget.
- Alison reallocated anticipated printing expenses to allow a GardenWise reprint, which was needed.
- The State Weed Board has shifted over to a GoToMeeting corporate account in order to maintain the toll-free call-in number for meetings. We used to be billed separately for GoToMeeting subscription and Citrix toll-free minutes. These will be merged into one monthly invoice, which will be less expensive than what we had previously been paying.
- The six county weed boards receiving Class A eradication funding have all been notified and contracts will be sent out soon.

The Board discussed:

- Sarah mentioned that the Board was on track and the budget was looking good.
- Commissioner DeTro noted that the Tonasket USFS informed them that they had no funds for noxious weed control this year. Commissioner Kennedy cited RCW 17.10 and advised the district ranger to find some money for weed control.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

The Board discussed whether they should maintain all committees. While the Executive, Budget, NWC, and Strategic Plan committees met regularly, many of the others did not. Butch suggested it would be good to keep the others in place in case something came up. That way, the Board wouldn't have to hold special meetings to address various situations. The current committees are listed below.

<i>Executive Committee</i>	Tony Stadelman, Sarah Cooke, Brad White
<i>Budget Committee</i>	Sarah Cooke (Chair), Tony Stadelman, Butch Klaveano, Brad White
<i>Noxious Weed Committee</i>	Tim Miller (Chair), Tony Stadelman, Jenifer Parsons, Rod Gilbert, Dave Heimer, Jane Wentworth, Bob Buzzo, Sarah Reichard , Marty Hudson, Steve Burke, Justin Bush, Kevin Hupp
<i>Education Committee</i>	Jerry Hendrickson (Chair), Sarah Cooke, Tony Stadelman, Laurel Baldwin, Kevin Hupp
<i>Special Projects Committee</i>	Greg Haubrich, Tony Stadelman, Bill Wamsley, Marty Hudson
<i>Strategic Planning Committee</i>	Tony Stadelman (Chair), Butch Klaveano, Dirk Veleke, Bob Roth
<i>Legislative Committee</i>	Jim DeTro (Chair); Tony Stadelman, Kevin Hupp, Cathy Lucero, Rick Johnson, Mike Mackey, Anna Lyon, Butch Klaveano
<i>Public Lands Committee</i>	Jim DeTro (Chair), Tony Stadelman, Dave Heimer, Mike Mackey, Anna Lyon
<i>State Weed Management Committee</i>	Greg Haubrich (Chair), Tony Stadelman, Jerry Hendrickson, Tim Miller, Jennifer Andreas, Dick Jacobson, Lisa Younger, Jenifer Parsons, Beki Shoemaker

COORDINATORS' FORUM:

Mike Mackey gave an update about the Chelan County NWCB and the CWMA they have established for the control of Eurasian watermilfoil in the upper Columbia River. The CWMA is going to be seeking support from the State Weed Board. They have an Ecology grant to write an aquatic weed management plan. Jenifer Parsons has a copy of the plan. There are many agencies and partners involved, and there is an opportunity for success on the northern stretch of the river in Washington. The milfoil CWMA has received funding from WSDA, ECY, and USFS Title 2 money and is grateful for those sources. Mike wanted the State Weed Board to be aware of their progress. They will be applying for another ECY grant in August. Mike commended Jenifer on all the work she does to survey lakes. Mike thought it might be helpful if WISC and WDFW collaborated with them in aquatic noxious weed outreach.

Sue Sackmann from the Adams County NWCB noted that she was having a really difficult time filling two vacancies on her weed board. She asked about the prospect of changing RCW 17.10 to allow an "at large" board member. Alison mentioned that she had brought that suggestion to the Washington State Farm Bureau for their opinion. The State Weed Board may have to seek agency-sponsored amendments to RCW 17.10 to change the language of county weed board membership.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS (There were none.)

MEETING EVALUATION: The Board was reminded that the next meeting will be on Thursday, May 16 and will be hosted from San Juan County.

<i>VOTE</i>	Sarah Cooke	Moved to adjourn the meeting
	Dirk Veleke	Seconded the motion
		All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Tony Stadelman, Chairman
Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board

Alison Halpern, Executive Secretary
Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board

Dirk Veleke, Secretary
Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board